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Inside: Baseball love affair dies

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Athlete arrest rate grows

(CPS)—Police on a variety of campuses have arrested a disturbing number of college athletes on assault charges in recent weeks -- and sporadically during the past school year -- but at least one psychologist says that, if it's a college sports crime wave, it's being induced by the media.

While stories about college athletes' arrests have been frequent lately, "there's no evidence these types of crimes, or violent crimes are more common among athletes than among other students," says Brenda Bredemeier, a psychologist at the University of California-Berkeley and co-author of a study on athletes' behavior.

"The press is just more sensitive to athletes, and their behavior is in the limelight anyway."

The limelight, in any case, has been relentless recently:

In April, North Carolina State University wide receiver Nasrallah Worthen was arrested for assaulting two NCSU co-eds. Worthen, an Atlantic Coast Conference football star and track team member, is charged with kicking and choking one woman and pushing the other against a concrete wall because one of the women owed him \$10.

Eight members of the University of California-Santa Barbara baseball team may face felony charges for assault for triggering a fight with several area residents.

Reports say a local high school student being recruited by UCSB's baseball team was ejected from a party at a Santa Barbara apartment complex. He returned to the party with 16 team members, who allegedly attacked the party-goers for insulting the team.

In March, police arrested Duke football player Eric Starr for assault with a deadly weapon and attempting to inflict serious injury after trying to run

over a Raleigh, N.C., resident with a car.

Last week, police filed charges against the second of two University of Colorado football players: one for punching another CU student in a campus dorm, the other for breaking a window in his girlfriend's car and resisting arrest. The second student also was arrested last winter for beating an Air Force cadet.

Last fall, athletes were arrested for violent crimes at Iowa State, North Carolina State, Butler, Florida State, Miami and Colorado.

Towson State Vice President Jan Sherrill, who recently finished a study of violent crime on campuses nationwide, also recalls an incident at "a small religious-affiliated college" in which a group of athletes gang-raped a gay student in a shower.

Schools are taking notice.

In September, 1986, the University of Minnesota moved basketball players out of an athletes' dorm and into a co-ed dorm to try to reduce the players' "privileged" status, and integrate them more fully into general campus life.

Ten of the team members last year were accused of gang-raping a Madison, Wis., woman. Although the charges were disproved, dorm residents were uneasy with the arrangement.

While Bredemeier denies athletes are more prone to commit crimes than other students, she thinks high-contact sports may induce aggressive behavior outside the sport.

"Currently, we're studying the relationship between aggressive behavior and moral reasoning to see if sports can help promote moral growth or if they're detrimental," Bredemeier said.

Other experts agree with Bredemeier's assessment, but add athletes' social background may also promote aggressive behavior.

A New Foreign Horror Film?



No, it's not the final scene from *The Killer Koala That Ate America*. It's the Centerfest koala (Mike Forner), having a "beary" good time with Maribeth Henke. Photo by Lori Jones.

Raider baseballers "rap" win in finale

By JOE HERPY
Staff Writer

It was the final regular season game of a successful baseball campaign for coach Ron Nischwitz's Wright State baseball team, and the visiting Wittenberg's Tigers could not garner a hit off of Wright State starting pitcher Greg King until the fifth inning when they, literally, hit one of King on a

shot up the middle that forced him out of the game.

The Raiders eventually won 3-2 in the finale, and now the regional tournament stands ahead.

"I put it (his foot) on ice after they took me out, I'll be OK," King (6-0) said.

King is expected to see action in this weekend's regional tourney.

All season long, the Raider

coaching staff preached they would have superb pitching this year.

Chalk one up for the coaches, as the Raiders have four undefeated hurlers on the squad, and a record-setting stopper in the bullpen in Curt Sutter with nine saves, including one over the Tigers Monday.

The Raiders posted the deciding runs in the third inning

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SPORTS

Love affair with baseball comes to a round-about end

By DAVE CLARK
Sports Editor

I have loved baseball for my entire life.

For all of my 22 years on this planet, I have played some sort of organized baseball every spring, summer and, hopefully, fall.

To me, there is nothing better on a Sunday afternoon than a ball game, especially the Cincin-

nati Reds. I am a Reds fan-atic.

Since my first trip to the riverfront in 1973 to my last one a couple weeks back, I've seen 68 Cincy clashes, of the baseball gender. The Reds are 66-2 in those games, and I'm proud of that grandstand management mark, but yesterday my love kicked baseline chalk in my face. I may never go to another professional baseball contest again.

All I wanted was a couple of statistics so I could write a column on Eric Davis and the Reds.

All I wanted was to give the game—that has given me so much—something back.

All I wanted was a few names to produce a glimmer of love in the hearts of the people who don't love or understand the game of baseball.

All I wanted was the names of all of the people who have hit 20 homeruns and have stolen 20 bases in the same season.

So to get these wants, I decided to call Major League Baseball headquarters in New York City.

It was the start of a dying relationship.

I called NYC information for MLB's phone number, and after the lady told me she only had

listings for the Players' Association and MLB Productions. I took the latter. I should have called the players' group, because players are always nicer and more helpful than those silly owners. Well, anyway...

After calling the production number, they gave me the number to MLB's Promotion Department.

So, I let my fingers do the walking and again pressed 11 numbers for the long distance call.

The receptionist at promotions connected me with the news department, who said "Sorry, wrong department" and gave me the number for MLB's Statistics Bureau.

Again, my fingers busily dialled the number.

A guy in the stats bureau answered, and I told him that I need some info. The conversation went like this:

HIM: "Stats bureau."
me: "Yeah, I hope I'm in the right department. I need some stats concerning homeruns and stolen bases."

HIM: "What kind are you looking for, buddy?"
me: "Just some of the players who have had 20 homeruns, 20 stolen base seasons."

HIM: "For what last year or what!"
me: "I was kinda hoping for the last decade or two."

Note the compromise I am making.

HIM: "Hey, bud, we only do that kind of thing for our clients."

me: "Thanks for all your help, BUD."
Click.

So far, I had gotten nowhere, and it wasn't going to get any better.

By the way, WHAT KIND OF CLIENTS DOES MLB HAVE?!!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?!?

So, I called the Cincinnati Reds, figuring that if I had to call every National League franchise - I would.

After being connected with the Reds' Public Relations Department -- which Marty Brenneman and Joe Nuxhall speak so highly of on the radio -- I popped my question.

After the lady had taken my question and put me on hold in exchange, she came back to the phone line with a "we don't have information concerning stolen bases that low" answer. Oh, let me guess, it takes 30, or is it 46 steals, to be kept on file for the Almighty Cincy Reds. Bull-honky.

If Marty and Joe ask ole Jim Ferguson, the head of PR for the Reds, they find out. Hey, if you don't have it fine, but it least make up a lie to tell me, so I won't get mad.

All of the day's traumas had brought me to the realistic conclusion that big league baseball is big business, but big business is more congenial.

I proved this by calling Johnson & Johnson, and I asked them -- "What exactly are flouorocarbons?"

The mellow, kind, female voice on the phone gave me a concise and energetic answer which pleased me.

So, I AM going to listen to the Reds' games on the radio (and boo the PR Dept. every time Marty and Joe mention it), and I WILL even watch Reds' telecasts.

But I'll be damned if I go to another Reds' game for awhile, maybe instead of spending \$8 on a ticket at Riverfront and \$2.75 to park down in that half-dark parking lot, I'll buy \$8 worth of baby powder and spend \$2.75 on a six-pack. I'll have a good time, not to mention smooth skin.

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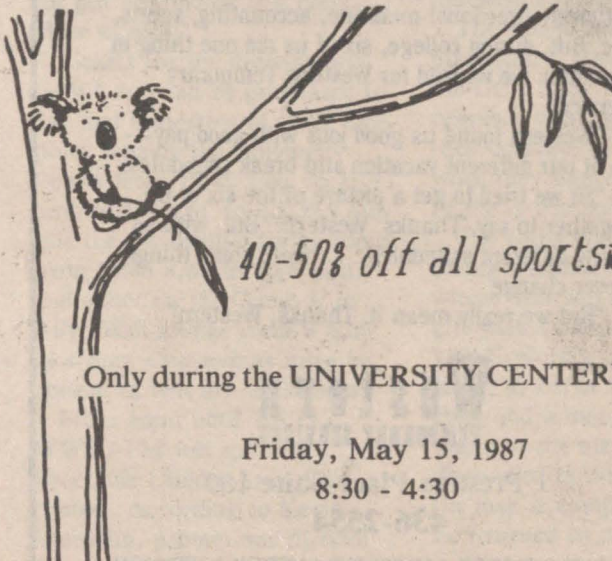
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The Meat Puppets bring "guitar sweat" to Cincinnati

By KAREN SMITH

Features/Entertainment Editor

"Guitar sweat."

No one is quite sure what makes The Meat Puppets' music so unique, but guitarist Curt Kirkwood said it's "guitar sweat."

"What goes into the music is the stuff you can't really do on instruments," Kirkwood said. "It's the stuff that's held back—guitar sweat. It's just a special kind of sweat."

The Meat Puppets seem to thrive on this type of diversity, making them one of the most interesting bands on the progressive circuit. Their latest release, *Mirage*, is yet another example of how different can be good, and often times better.

In the last four years, The Meat Puppets have come a long way. They were playing hardcore, hard-driving punk, then opted for a less harsh level of sound. Their current style, a "get-down, have a good time,

moving kind of music", reflects the influences the band has come under over the years.

"Elvis, The Beatles, The Monkees, Led Zeppelin...they all were big with us," Kirkwood said. "Once we started playing, though, it was most of the same stuff. Everything is written around the same chords, it just depends on how you arrange it."

Arranging the music in an off-the-wall manner is The Meat Puppets specialty.

"I guess we're pretty off-the-

wall, but it's a 'can't see the forest for the trees' kind of off-the-wall," Kirkwood explained. "You can't set what is off-the-wall, so maybe we're the inverse of off-the-wall."

"We don't intentionally try to be different. We use humor, but more of the subtleties in humor. We're funnier than the blatant, grotesque behavior of some bands."

"It's funnier to dance and act crazy than to barf on stage," he added.

The Meat Puppets will be performing at Bogart's in Cincinnati's University Village tonight at 8 p.m. A special discount is available for students with a college ID. For more info, call 281-8400.

Finale

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when Rick Albers and Brian Spears scored.

Albers reached on a single then stole his 14th base of the season. Scott Carpenter nailed single to drive in Albers from second, and Spears scampered home on a Jerry Rank single.

Rank was replacing regular catcher Wayne LaPan in the game. LaPan has a deep thigh bruise but will be back for the regional.

The Tigers, 22-13-1, got across in their half of the sixth inning when John Kelly doubled and pinch-hitter Rich Drabenstott singled him in. Mike McCall was pitching for the Raiders at the time.

The Raiders added a run in the sixth. Denny Bleh hit a single, scoring shortstop Ted Blakeley, who had reached on a Tiger error.

Rusty Curry (3-4) was pitched with the loss for the Tigers. The Raiders get a much-needed rest before the Regional.

The same four teams that played in the regional tournament here at WSU last year will appear at WSU this year, as the Mankato State (32-14), Lehigh (34-24), Shippensburg (38-9) and host Wright State (36-12) all return.

The Raiders will first play Shippensburg at 4 p.m. on Monday. Shippensburg was ousted out of last year's tournament games. The Raiders did not meet them.

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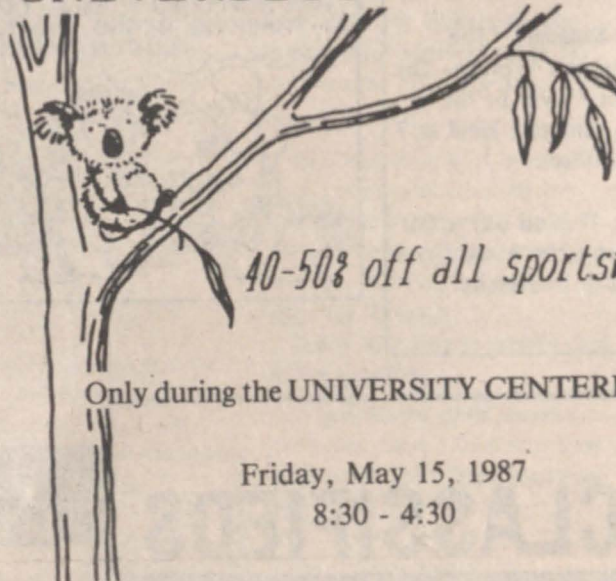
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